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Mahabhisheka to Nandi atop Ch. Hill

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MTY&BCT)- The annual Mahabhisheka to Nandi statue atop Chamundi Hill, organised by Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust on the last Monday of Kartika Masa, was performed this morning in the presence of Seers and devotees.

The monolithic Nandi was bathed in a vibrant palette of sacred colours as over 32 traditional puja materials were used for the rituals, including Gandha Panchakabhisheka, Panchamrutabhisheka, Phalapujamruta, Rasa Panchamrutha and Pishta Panchakabhisheka.

The Trust has been conducting Nandi Mahabhisheka during Kartika Masa for two decades and today marked its 21st edition. A deepotsava will be held this evening.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Branch Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji and a group of priests supervised the rituals.

Hundreds of devotees from the Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat, regular hill walkers and visitors thronged the venue.

(See NANDI on page 5)

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji and priests performing Mahabhisheka to Nandi atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

Dog bite & snakebite cases

Hospitals liable for jail terms if care denied

- **All hospitals must stock anti-rabies, anti-snakebite drugs: Govt. circular**
- **No shortage of life-saving vaccines in Mysuru: DHO Dr. Kumaraswamy**

Bengaluru, Nov. 17 (BCT)- In response to rising street dog attacks and recent Supreme Court directives on dog bite management, the Karnataka Government has issued a crucial circular mandating that all Government and private hospitals maintain an uninterrupted stock of anti-rabies vaccines, Equine Rabies Immunoglobulin and anti-snake venom.

The circular stresses that these life-saving treatments must be available at all times, provided free of cost and administered without delay.

Significantly, failure to provide mandatory care — particularly if it results in death — will amount to medical negligence. Under Section 106 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, such negligence can attract criminal prosecution and imprisonment of up to two years.

Repeated or grave violations may even lead to cancellation of hospital licences.

(See HOSPITALS on page 6)

India's first Silk Museum to come up in Mysuru

Bengaluru, Nov. 17 (BS)- The country's first Silk Museum is set to come up in Mysuru, the birthplace of the world-renowned Mysore Silk. The museum will showcase the history of silk in India, tracing its journey from the era of Tipu Sultan to the present day and will feature silk cocoons and other materials used in fabric production.

Dr. S. Manthira Moorthy, Director, National Silkworm Seed Organisation (NSSO) under Central Silk Board (CSB), said that the proposed museum will be established at CSB premises, which spans a vast 120-acre campus. The project cost will be finalised after tender process, he said. A dedicated team will be deputed to oversee the project, with a target of completing the museum within two years from the next fiscal (2026).

"It will be the first-of-its-kind museum with unique and innovative features, offering a detailed presentation of the evolution of silk — from silkworm to cocoon, yarn to weaving and finally to fabric," Dr. Moorthy said.

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Mysuru, Monday 17th November 2025

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REFLECTIONS ON NATURE'S DESIGN: ***Sustainability is a buzzword in today's world, but what does nature's grand design reveal about it? The passing of our neighbour's beloved pet Daisie, who lived a full 12 years and left behind a legacy of scores of puppies, prompts us to ponder the meaning of life and death.***

Nature operates on a spectrum of time scales, with physical laws governing the universe over billions of years, chemical interactions playing out over millions of years and biological life spans measured in mere decades. In this grand design, individual lives are fleeting and ephemeral. Daisie's passing is a poignant reminder of this reality.

Life is believed to be an accidental outcome of a chemical soup aeons ago. Of the several goals of living organisms, adjusting to the odds of the environment with the main objective of procreation seems to take precedence.

From a biological perspective, life seems to be driven by the imperative to procreate and ensure the continuation of species. Once this purpose is fulfilled, nature appears to have no further use for individuals and they fade away. This cycle is evident in the animal kingdom, where most species don't live long after their reproductive peak. Humans and certain whales are exceptions, with extended post-reproductive lifespans that may be linked to evolutionary benefits related to nurturing their offspring and grandchildren.

Man's search for truth through science and other avenues in their lifetime by itself does not seem to be a reason for their long life in nature's design.

Let's go back in time to reflect on where the permanence in nature is. Physical laws like gravity, electromagnetic propagation and relativity exhibit permanence and unwavering sustainability. These fundamental principles have governed the universe since the Big Bang, providing a sense of constancy amidst change.

After this, chemical interactions seem to have taken hold in more observable nearness. Most of the 90-odd elements settled from the gaseous state to the liquid and then solid state over millions of years, interacting with each other and losing their prime identity, with the exception of gold, platinum, etc., which are known for their resistance to many chemical reactions. There is change in general and no long-term sustainability. Nature seems to work on constant changes: long-term in physical sciences, brief in the chemical world and miniscule in the biological realm, where there is no purpose in life after the productive period. That is nature's design.

— Kandaswamy Gnanamurthy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artwork destroyed by mistake

Taipei: Staff at the Keelung Museum of Art in Taiwan could not prevent the destruction of a priceless piece of art at the hands of a well-intentioned volunteer who used a handful of toilet paper to clean it of dust. Titled 'Inverted Syntax 16,' the artwork consisted of a dust-covered mirror mounted on a simple wooden board with a smudge in the centre, representing the cultural awareness of middle-class society.

After failing to recognise the artistic significance of the accumulated grime, the volunteer caused irreparable damage to the artwork before other museum personnel could intervene. Deputy Director Cheng Ting-ching said the bureau held emergency talks following the mistake and is currently discussing potential compensation for the artist.

Man changes his name every year

Moscow: Roman Korenev, head of the bailiff service responsible for collecting child support payments in Tyumen, Russia, recently revealed one of the most shocking cases of his career in an interview. The official claimed that a local man completely changed his last name, first name, and patronymic once a year, hoping to evade child support liability.

A year later, the unnamed man would return to his old name and repeat the process. This was his attempt to evade bailiffs and "zero out" the debt. It's unclear how long he managed to hide from the bailiffs, but his efforts turned futile.

Tyumen bailiffs said that local residents routinely resort to ridiculous tricks to avoid paying their debts. For example, one man, in an attempt to keep bailiffs out of his home, claimed to suffer from agoraphobia. However, it turned out the debtor owned two apartments, one of which was subject to foreclosure.

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Basavashri Award presentation on Nov. 18

Dr. M.G.R. Urs *Lokeshappa*

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Noted Chutuku (Limerick) writer Dr. M.G.R. Urs and Ganayogi Kala Trust President Dr. H.N. Lokeshappa have been selected for the prestigious Basavashri Award given by the city-based Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja, in recognition of their services to the society.

The two achievers will be conferred the award during the 110th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji to be held at Mantra Maharshi Sabha Bhavan in JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram at 5 pm on Nov. 18. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Mahila Samaja President Dr. Rathna Halappa Gowda will preside. For details, contact Mob: 98863-44524.

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REALLY...?

- ***India is home to 8 Railway Museums in Delhi, Pune, Kanpur, Mysuru, Kolkata, Chennai, Ghum and Tiruchirappalli. The National Railway Museum in Delhi is the most visited museum in India, with millions of tourists flocking to witness the rich heritage that the museum offers.***
- ***The Fairy Queen, the world's oldest working locomotive is one of the main tourist attractions at the museum. This museum is also the largest rail museum in Asia.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.59
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.49
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.13
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.81

VOICE OF THE READER

Water crisis: Restore power supply to Vasanthanagar

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item ***"Current Cut!"*** published in *SOM* dated Nov.14.

I wish to bring to the attention of the authorities the severe hardship being faced by the residents of Vasanthanagar MDA (Mysuru Development Authority) Layout, off Bannur Road, which was recently handed over to Rammanahalli Gram Panchayat.

Due to non-payment of electricity bills reportedly pending in the name of Rammanahalli Panchayat, the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has disconnected power supply to the borewell connections that cater to our layout.

These borewells are the only source of water for domestic use and drinking, as the long-promised Cauvery water supply to the Layout has not yet materialised.

The residents, who have no role in these administrative lapses, are suffering without water. MDA states that the layout has already been handed over and hence the issue must be addressed by the Panchayat.

On the other hand, the Panchayat maintains that there is no proper handover of electrical installations and that the bills are still raised in MDA's name. Caught between these conflicting claims, it is the ordinary residents who are being penalised.

I request the authorities concerned — MDA, Rammanahalli Panchayat and CESC — to urgently resolve the internal discrepancies and restore power to the borewells immediately, ensuring that residents do not continue to suffer for no fault of theirs.

—Pradeep Mysore Rajshekar & Vasanthanagar Residents
Bannur Road
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Free camp for modular artificial limbs held

Mysuru, Nov. 17- A free Fitting and Measurement Camp for Modular Artificial Limbs (Hands and Legs) for the differently-abled was organised at Samata Bhavan, Nazarbad in the city recently.

The camp was jointly organised by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd., Aashray Seva Sansthan Udaipur, Lions International District 317 G and Jain Milan Charitable Trust.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who was the chief guest, highlighted the alarming rise of diabetes in society and stressed the need for public awareness and preventive care.

Ln. K. L. Rajashekara, District Governor, Lions International District 317G, stated that the Artificial Limb Project of Lions Mysore East, has been serving beneficiaries for over three decades.

Ln. Mahaveer Chand Bhansali, District Chairman for Artificial Limbs, was the inspiration and driving force behind this noble initiative, he noted.

Rajashekara further appreciated that the legacy is being carried forward with equal dedication by his son, Ln. Hemant Bhansali, District Secretariat, who presided over the meeting.

Earlier, the camp was inaugurated by MLA G.T. Devegowda.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, in his address, appreciated the Jain community for nurturing and supporting the well-being of all living beings.

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, Managing Director of NeuroZone, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, Suresh Dak, President, Sadhu Margi Sanstha, were the guests of honour.

Ln. M. G. Veeresh, President, Lions Club of Mysore East, Ln. D. Vijaylakshmi, Secretary, Lions East, Madanlal Maru, President, Jain Milan Palace City, Ln. Pramila, President, Lions Club of Mysore Golden City, Ln. Golden Suresh, Lions Club of Mysore Golden City, other dignitaries and volunteers were present.

NPSI students shine at Street Play Competition

Mysuru, Nov. 17- The students of Classes 5 to 7 from NPS International, Mysuru, won first prize at the Street Play Competition organised by the Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Region, under the Swachhta Abhiyan (Clean India Mission).

Among several participating schools, the NPSI team of fifteen talented students stood out with their powerful and thought-provoking performance, creatively portraying the importance of cleanliness and civic responsibility. Their energetic enactment not only entertained the audience but also spread strong awareness about the Swachh Bharat initiative, leaving a lasting impression on both judges and spectators.

The students were felicitated by the organisers and were also given an opportunity to visit the Anthropological Museum, enriching their learning experience.

Yoga & Permaculture Day Retreat on Nov. 30

Mysuru, Nov. 17- The Mud Story Retreats will present *'Soil & Soul - Yoga and Permaculture Day Retreat'* featuring local organic farming mentor Mysore Ramaswamy Harish and yoga teacher Sandi Higgins at Aarambh Community Farm here from 9 am to 5 pm on Nov. 30.

It comprises restorative yoga, forest meditation, hands-on farming workshop and talk.

For registration and details, interested may log on to: *www.themudstory.in/retreats*

Sewing machine distribution

Apply before Dec. 6

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Karnataka Maratha Development Corporation will be distributing sewing machines for the year 2025-26. Eligible persons who are desirous of getting the machines under the scheme must submit their applications online before 5,30 pm on Dec. 6.

The applicants must submit applications under Category- 3B and should belong to communities from A to 2F. They should obtain caste and income certificate under Form-3B. Applicants must be residents of Karnataka and should have Aadhaar Card and be in the age group of 18-55 years. One member from a family will be considered. The annual income of applicants should not exceed Rs.98,000 (rural applicants) and Rs.1,20,000 (urban).

There will be a reservation of 5% for differently-abled women, 33% for women, 5% for differently-abled and 1% for sexual minorities. Another 2% will be reserved for divorced, abandoned women, women above 35 years and HIV affected.

For details call Helpline: 88675-37799 or 080-29903994 or Mysuru District Office on Ph: 0821-2341194 or visit *https://kmcdc.karnataka.gov.in*

Natl. Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis at Teresian College

Dr. Paramashivaiah

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Teresian College Research Centre (Commerce), in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), has organised a 2-day National Workshop on *'Statistical Data Analysis Using SPSS'* at the College premises in Siddarthanagar on Nov. 18 and 19.

Dr. P. Paramashivaiah, Senior Professor and Dean, Department of Studies Research in Commerce, Tumkur University, Tumakuru, will inaugurate the workshop at Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Teresian College, tomorrow at 9.30 am.

Prof. T.A. Binoy, Professor, Department of Tourism Studies, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala, will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. Sr. Rohini, Principal, Teresian College, will preside.

Dr. Veena M. D'Almeida, Director of Research, Vivek Charles, IQAC Coordinator and Dr. P.M. Shiva Prasad, Assistant Professor and Guide, will be present.

The workshop aims to provide hands-on learning experience for faculty members, researchers, and students. Distinguished resource persons will conduct practical sessions on statistical analyses using SPSS software, like descriptive and bivariate analysis, graphical visualisation, factor analysis, correlation, regression, non-parametric tests, reporting and interpretation.

Expert resource persons guiding the sessions include Dr. V. Manjunath, Associate Professor, Department of MBA, Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysuru, Dr. G.Y. Yashodhara Kumar, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Clinical Psychology, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, Dr. N. Abhishek, Assistant Professor, Department of Post-Graduate Studies in Commerce, Government First Grade College, Halebeedu, Hassan and Dr. M. Shivaraja, Assistant Professor in Management, Government First Grade College, Nanjangud.

For details, contact W. Arun Devapura on Mob: 78926-47653.

NEWS BRIEFS

Agri quiz contest for women

As part of Adi Jagaduguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jatra Mahotsava at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru, from Jan. 15 to 20, 2026, Agriculture Quiz Competition has been organised for women. A preliminary written quiz competition has been organised on Jan. 6 at 11 am at ICAR- JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra. The top 10 candidates, who secure highest marks, will be eligible to participate in the final round of competition, to be held during the Jatra. The winners will be given prizes. Interested candidates may enrol their names before Jan. 2, 2026 with H. Divya on Mob: 87628-40430.

Invited to deliver talk

In connection with Bengaluru North University's one-day National-level Symposium, **Dr. R. Purnima,** formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, has been invited to deliver a keynote address on 'Rewriting Gender: Inclusion, Equity and Social Transformation' tomorrow (Nov. 18) at Suvarna Gange Campus, Mangasandra, Kolar.

Ph.D awardee

R.S. Kavitha has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Effect of Paracentric Inversions on Cuticular Hydrocarbons, Accessory Gland Traits and Fitness in Drosophila Ananassae' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.C. Jayaramu.

Obituary

Shantha Patil

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Shantha Patil (68), wife of former JK Tyre Director Jothirlinganagowda Patil and a resident of Doctor's Corner in Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held this afternoon in city, according to family sources.

Tribute to Saalumarada Thimmakka with a resolve to grow more trees

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MK&BCT)- Environmental groups across Mysuru came together to offer heartfelt tributes to *Padma Shri* awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka, revered as 'Vruksha Mathe' and a tireless ambassador for nature.

The homage was held at Hasiru Mysuru Nursery Farm near Bandipalya, where participants offered floral respects to her portrait and observed a moment of silence.

The event featured poetry recitations and songs celebrating Thimmakka's inspiring life. Her legacy was remembered not just through words but through a renewed commitment to environmental stewardship.

Noted environmentalist and former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who has been cultivating over 15,000 saplings annually and distributing them free of cost for the past eight years, spoke at the gathering.

He recalled how Thimmakka, born into a Dalit family and facing poverty and childlessness, overcame adversity by planting and nurturing 365 banyan trees along a roadside — an act that immortalised her.

Despite being illiterate, Thimmakka's awakened conscience led her to a life of ecological service that inspired millions. Rajeev emphasised that while many of us are educated and economically secure, we often lack basic environmental concern.

He noted that true wisdom requires cultural sensitivity and in this regard, Thimmakka was deeply cultured from birth. In a time when childlessness was stigmatised, she raised trees as her children — a gesture of profound compassion.

Rajeev urged citizens to honour Thimmakka's ideals by planting and nurturing trees, ensuring her spirit lives on through every sapling. "To preserve our future, we must preserve our environment," he said.

Parashuramegowda, a Founding-Member of Parisara Balaga, echoed this sentiment, stating that the best way to honour Thimmakka is to grow trees. "Born in poverty and without children, she raised trees with love and care. Her ideals must be embraced in today's world," he added.

Parisara Balaga Members, including Prof. Kalachannegowda, Leela Venkatesh, Leela Shivakumar, Gantaiah, Guruswamy, Bhagya, Anjana, Shwetha, Suguna, Sushila, Gayathri, Madhushree, Banu Prashanth, Vishwanath, Varshini, Shrilakshmi, Lolakumar, Akbar, Darshan, Salma and Ravikiran attended the event.

Two arrested for entering forest illegally

Hunsur, Nov. 17 (KS)- Hunsur Forest Department officials have arrested two of the four persons, who had entered the forest illegally to poach wild animals.

On Nov. 15 at about 11 pm, H.R. Abhilash, M.R. Kiran, Swamy and Shreyas had entered Nagarahole Forest to hunt wild animals. Meanwhile, the officials and staff of Anechowkur in Hunsur Wildlife Division of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, who were on their regular patrolling, noticed the poachers and tried to arrest them during which Swamy and Shreyas managed to flee and the Forest officials arrested Abhilash and Kiran.

The arrested poachers were interrogated and investigation is on. The Forest officials have launched a hunt to trace and nab Swamy and Shreyas, who are absconding.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director P.A. Seema, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) N. Lakshmikanth, Range Forest Officer (RFO) D. Devaraju, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) P.L. Ramanna and staff S.N. Anil, Pradeep Dalavai, Akshay & Madhu took part in the nabbing operation.

Alleged harassment to girl student

Police register case against UoM lecturer

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (KS)- Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered a case against a lecturer serving at University of Mysore's School of Engineering over alleged harassment to a girl student.

The lecturer, who is accused of harassing the girl student, is Bharat Bhargav.

In her complaint, the girl has accused the lecturer of harassing her since a few years alleging that the lecturer was pestering her to go out with him, asking her to give him a party for securing good marks and calling her to his office on the pretext of entering marks.

She has further stated in the complaint that she had spoken about it with a woman lecturer and also met the Head of the Department (HoD) along with her classmates and had informed about the harassment by the lecturer. But the lecturer called her over the phone and threatened her besides telling her that he would give her good marks and also get her a job in a very good company.

Continuing, the girl student has also stated in her complaint that due to her internship, she was unable to go to the college and when she went to the college on Nov. 14, the lecturer had spoken about her body, asked her to go with him to a club, failing which he (lecturer) would fail her in the exam. She has stated that she has told about it to the HoD.

Based on the complaint from the girl student, Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered a case in this regard.

Retired Maharaja's College Vice-Principal passes away

M.R. Suresh

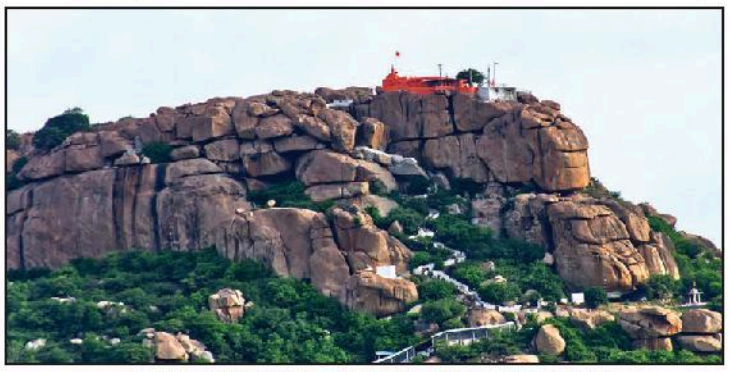
Mysuru, Nov. 17- M.R. Suresh (82), retired Vice-Principal of Maharaja's Junior College and a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage, passed away on Nov. 15 in city.

A native of Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife Nagaratna Suresh, son Deepak Suresh, daughter Kirana Shekar and a host of relatives and friends.

His body was donated to JSS Medical College yesterday, according to family sources.

'Name Anjanadri Hill Range as Valmiki Wildlife Sanctuary'

MLA Janardhan Reddy inaugurates Birsa Munda Jayanti celebrations in city



A view of Anjanadri Hill Range in Koppal district.

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MTY&DM)- Gangavathi BJP MLA G. Janardhan Reddy has demanded naming of Anjanadri Hill Range in Koppal district of the State, which finds mention in Valmiki's Ramayana, as Valimiki Wildlife Sanctuary.

He was speaking at Birsa Munda Jayanti, celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, programme organised by the City and District BJP Units at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here on Saturday.

"We should remember tribal leader Birsa Munda with pride, who fought against the British hegemony and strived for promotion of Sanatana Dharma. Hitherto, only leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subash Chandra Bose etc., used to hog the limelight in the struggle for independence. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced lesser-known freedom fighters and revolutionaries of the country who fought against the British, to the entire world. The Centre should also come up with a good programme in remembrance of Halagali Beda community who showed valour in fighting against the British," Reddy, who is also a former Minister, maintained.

Pointing out that he has demanded naming of Kishkindha Forest of Anjanadri Hill Range, which finds mention in Valmiki Ramayana, Reddy said he hoped that the Government would take action in this regard.

MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, in his speech, said that Birsa Munda's Movement was not just limited to attaining power, but was also an outrage against the Britishers' attempts to alter our centuries old rich culture and traditions.

Noting that every community joined the struggle in fight for gaining independence from the British, he expressed disappointment that our curriculum had fell short on highlighting this to the citizens of our country.

Social activist Vadiraj said that Birsa Muda Jayanti is being celebrated across the country as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, in honour of the great tribal leader.

Stating that though Birsa died at an young age, he had left behind a great legacy of bravery and valour, he bemoaned that the struggles of Birsa Munda has not come much to the fore like other top freedom fighters.

"The Union Government has been celebrating Birsa Munda Jayanti as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas since 2021. Brisa Munda is the first tribal leader whose Jayanti is being celebrated across the country and Prime Minister Modi is responsible for this," Vadiraj maintained.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP City President L. Nagendra, BJP District (Rural) President K.N. Subbanna, BJP ST Morcha State President Bangaru Hanumanthu, former Mysuru Mayors Shivakumar and Sandesh Swamy, party leaders M.G. Mahesh, Mangala Somashekar, Appanna, Siddarajanna, Balaraj, Basavaraju, Krishnappa, Mirle Srinivas Gowda, Shivashankar, Mahesh, Muddukrishna, N.V. Phaneesh, Gopalakrishna, Cable Mahesh, B.M. Raghu and others were present.

Dinesh Coaching Centre presents Pratibha Puraskar

Indian children have inherited a strong gene: Swamiji

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (PM&DM)- "Indian children have inherited a strong gene because our ancestors lived a very disciplined, studious and healthy life and children of no other country have such a strong gene," said Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati, President, Sri Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashram, Gadag & Vijayapura.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the 28th Annual Pratibha Puraskar presentation ceremony organised by the city's Dinesh Coaching Centre at Kalamandira here yesterday.

Maintaining that our children are great, Swami Nirbhayananda Saraswati said that it is, however, unfortunate that our children have no knowledge about it and hence, it is important that we educate them in this regard. The Saints of the times of Vedas, Tretayuga and Dwapara Yuga lived an ideal and spiritual life and this has gone down into the blood of our children, he noted.

On the occasion, 96 students of Dinesh Coaching Centre, who passed out SSLC (2024-25) scoring high marks, including M. Dhanush and Ananya R. Nayak, the State's second rank holders (State syllabus) and Pradyumna M. Harith, State topper in CBSE, were presented Pratibha Puraskar. Also, prizes were distributed to the winners of the District-level Debate Competition and several other contests organised by the Coaching Centre.

M.S. Janardhan, retd. Lecturer, Sri Swayam Prakasha Saraswati High School, Narve, Chikkamagalur, N.V. Dinesh, Founder of Dinesh Coaching Centre and others were present.

Mahabhisheka to Nandi atop Ch. Hill

(Continued from page 1)

The rituals unfolded to the chanting of hymns, beginning with Ksheerabhisheka (milk), followed by Vagya, Argya, Paadya, Achamana, curds, ghee, honey, sugar, vibhuthi, sandalwood paste, turmeric, kumkum, sindoora, flowers, bilwapatra, raktachandana, bhasma, coins, banana, grapes, dates, horse gram flour, wheat flour, sesame oil, cucumber, sugarcane juice, tender coconut, lime, oil, panchamrutha, dharbe and Ashtagandha.

The Mahabhisheka concluded with Jalabhisheka and Mahamangalarati.

Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust General Secretary N. Govinda, Treasurer Shankar and other office-bearers were present on the occasion.

Devotees inconvenienced

With the Chamundi Hill Road between the View Point and the Nandi statue remaining closed since the October 2021 landslide — and the long-delayed retaining wall project still incomplete — many devotees lost their way this morning and had to return and approach the site via Uthanahalli or the Thavarekatte one-way route to reach the Nandi statue for the Mahabhisheka. Many devotees climbed the Hill steps to reach the revered Nandi.

CM to inaugurate centenary of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram

Union & State Ministers to attend 4-day celebrations from Nov. 21

Swami Muktidanandaji addressing a press meet at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Yadavagiri this noon as former Principal of RK Vidyashala S. Balaji, Swami Yukteshanandaji and Swami Mahamedanandaji look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (BLU & DM)- The four-day centenary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram will take place from Nov.21 to 24 at the Ashram premises in Yadavagiri, Mysuru.

Announcing this at a press meet at the Ashram this noon, RK Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji said that the centenary celebrations of Mysuru Ashram, the Golden Jubilee of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE) and the Silver Jubilee of the Ashram's 'Viveka Prabha' magazine will be jointly celebrated from Nov.21 to 24.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will formally inaugurate the event in the presence of Swami Gautamanandaji, President of Ramakrishna Mutt and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Mutt, West Bengal, at 3.30 pm on Nov.21. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil and Chief Post Master General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru, K. Prakash, will be present," he said.

Prior to formal inauguration, Sri Ramakrishna Puja, Homa and Arati will be held from 6.30 am on Nov.21, following which Narayana Seva will be performed in the presence of Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaparasanna Teertha Swamiji at 10.15 am. Later, MLA R.V. Deshpande, Chairperson of Administrative Reforms Commission, Karnataka, will release the Centenary Souvenir at 11.50 am. Former Ministers S.T. Somashekar and B.C. Nagesh and former DGP H.C. Kishore Chandra will be present.

'Nagara Sankeertana,' a Bhajana Yatra, will be taken out by devotee groups from Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple in Vontikoppal to the Ashram at 5 pm on Nov.20.

On Nov.22, the event will begin with Ushakeertana at 6.15 am, followed by Viveka Yatra at 8.45 am. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the Golden Jubilee of RIMSE at 2.45 pm. Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh will be the guest of honour.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate the floodlit field display at 6.30 pm at Ramakrishna (RK) Vidyashala stadium in the presence of NITI Ayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and Principal Secretary of Finance Department, Karnataka, Rithesh Kumar Singh.

On Nov.23, the programme will begin with Ushakeerthana at 6.15 am, followed by 'Santa Samagama' at 9 am. Later, Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna will inaugurate the Silver Jubilee of 'Viveka Prabha' and Kannada Publications of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram at 3 pm, following which a symposium on Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda will take place at 6 pm.

On Nov. 24, the concluding day programme will begin with 'Ushakeerthana' at 6.15 am, following which 'Samarpana Samavesha' will take place at 9 am, which will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in the presence of Swami Gautamanandaji, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji.

Later, 'Viveka Gatha,' a multimedia cultural programme on the making of Vivekananda and his inspiring message will be held at 5.30 pm, which will be attended by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi and a host of other dignitaries.

The 4-day event will feature a total of 19 sessions and 400 Pourakarmikas will be invited to take part in the programmes.

Nitish to take oath as Bihar CM for 10th time

Nitish Kumar

Patna, Nov. 17 (Agencies)- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Governor Arif Mohammad Khan this morning, shortly after chairing the final Cabinet meeting of outgoing NDA government. Nitish Kumar will formally submit his resignation on Nov. 19 as head of the outgoing government and is likely to take oath as CM for the tenth time on Nov. 20 at Gandhi Maidan, sources said.

Hospitals liable for jail terms

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It may be recalled that in 2024, Government added snakebite to the list of Notifiable Diseases under the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP), covering all health facilities.

With this classification, all Government and private hospitals and medical institutions are required to compulsorily report all cases — both inpatient and outpatient — seeking treatment for or succumbing to snakebites by uploading their details on IHIP.

Supreme Court directive

The latest circular reinforces the Supreme Court's order and Karnataka's declaration of rabies as a notifiable disease. It aligns with India's national mission to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030. Hospitals are now legally bound to provide timely rabies treatment, including single-dose Equine Rabies Immunoglobulin, without any delay.

The Government has also highlighted the continued seriousness of snakebite-related deaths and complications. Hospitals located closest to such incidents must provide assured emergency care. To ensure compliance, unrecovered treatment costs will be reimbursed under the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust scheme based on district-level registration and grievance protocols.

Care at private hospitals

Under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act, 2007, private hospitals are legally obligated to provide specified emergency services. As per the latest circular, all private hospitals must offer immediate first aid and life-saving treatment to victims of dog bites, other animal attacks and snakebites without demanding advance payment.

Additionally, under the Karnataka Good Samaritan and Medical Professional Act, 2016, hospitals must provide free medical examination and initial treatment to all patients. If a facility lacks the required infrastructure, it must stabilise the patient before referring them to a better-equipped centre, the circular states.

No shortage of life-saving vaccines in Mysuru: DHO

Dr. Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (BCT)- In the wake of the State Government issuing a circular mandating that all Government and private hospitals maintain uninterrupted stocks of anti-rabies vaccines, equine rabies immunoglobulin and anti-snake venom, Mysuru District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy told *Star of Mysore* this morning that all hospitals across Mysuru district currently have adequate supplies.

"Each Primary Health Centre in Mysuru has two units each of anti-rabies vaccines and anti-snake venom, while every Community Health Centre at the taluk level has 10 sets to treat dog bite and snakebite cases. There is no shortage. As soon as vaccines are utilised, fresh stocks are immediately procured from the district headquarters," he clarified.

Dr. H.P. Shobha, Medical Superintendent of K.R. Hospital, also confirmed that regular stocks are available to treat dog bite and snakebite cases.

"There is no scarcity and fresh indents are placed whenever existing stock is used. We routinely treat such cases in the emergency section and shift patients to general wards once they stabilise. We do not have a dedicated ward for these cases, but we are managing effectively with the resources and facilities available," she said.

Silk Museum to come up in Mysuru

120-acre land at Central Silk Board identified; silk's 2,000-year journey to be showcased

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Study tours in China, Italy

Ahead of the project, CSB officials visited museums and facilities in China and Italy to study global best practices. They examined notable collections, including 2,000-year-old exhibits in China. Meanwhile, the process of gathering artefacts with traditional and heritage value from silk-producing States and farmers is underway.

Beyond displays, the museum will educate visitors on differentiating between genuine and counterfeit silk. A dedicated section will exhibit silk by-products. Globally, there is a growing demand for protein, cosmetic and pharmaceutical products made using silk.

Seri-States of India report

According to the Seri-States of India 2024 report, Karnataka contributes 32 percent of the country's silk production. The State has 11,526 villages engaged in sericulture, involving 1,48,704 farmers and 6,749 reelers.

Sericulture was introduced in this region during the reign of Tipu Sultan. Silk cocoon production began in Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Chikkaballapur and Kolar, before gradually expanding to other districts.

In 2023-24, Karnataka produced 12,463 tonnes of silk, comprising 2,806 tonnes of bivoltine silk and 9,657 tonnes of multivoltine (mixed breed) silk.

New silk circuit planned in Assam

The Central Government has launched Silk Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and is planning another tourism circuit in Assam. Both the State and Central Governments are working to popularise the silk production chain and fabric. Silk thread collected in Mysuru will also be showcased at the upcoming Silk Museum.

Back-to-front human face masks to keep tigers at bay

As tigers avoid direct eye contact, farmers create an illusion of constant watchfulness

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MTY&BCT)- In a bold and imaginative step to protect farmers working in forest-fringe areas from tiger attacks, the Forest Department has rolled out an unusual yet time-tested awareness initiative in the villages of Saragur taluk, bordering the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Borrowing inspiration from a successful experiment in West Bengal's Sundarbans, officials have begun distributing 10,000 human-face masks — but with a twist: They are meant to be worn on the back of the head.

These masks mimic a vigilant human gaze. The idea is simple but powerful — tigers prefer to attack from behind, often targeting the nape of the neck. If they believe the person is watching them, they are less likely to ambush. This visual deception, tried earlier in the Sundarbans, reportedly led to a noticeable drop in tiger attacks.

The Bandipur initiative gains significance in the wake of a series of alarming incidents in Saragur taluk, where three people were killed and another farmer severely injured in recent tiger encounters.

In response, forest officials, safari guides and ground staff are travelling village-to-village, distributing masks and demonstrating how to use them effectively.

The Sundarbans strategy hinges on one behavioural trait: Tigers avoid direct eye contact when stalking prey. By wearing a mask on the back of the head, farmers create the illusion of constant watchfulness, disrupting the tiger's instinct to strike from behind.

Officials say this low-cost, practical intervention could play a crucial role in reducing human–wildlife conflict in high-risk zones — and may even save lives.

Tigers close to villages: 11 caught, 21 more roaming

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (MTY&BCT)- Following a series of tiger attacks in the forest-bordering villages of Saragur taluk, which left three people dead and one farmer seriously injured, the Forest Department has launched an intensive combing operation.

So far, 11 tigers, including six cubs, have been safely captured. Officials have confirmed that 21 more tigers are still roaming the area and have urged residents to remain alert.

Speaking to reporters, Mysuru DCF (Wildlife) K. Paramesh said that an estimated 21 tigers are currently active in the riverine and forested zones of the Bandipur and Nagarahole ranges.

Since Oct. 16, four separate tiger attacks have been reported in Saragur taluk, prompting the deployment of multiple forest teams. The combing operation is being supported by trained elephants — Mahendra, Bhima, Sugreeva and Lakshmana — along with other departmental elephants.

The department clarified that the tigers have not ventured deep into human settlements but are taking shelter in thick vegetation near rivers, streams and agricultural fields along the forest fringes — primarily to protect their cubs.

Such behaviour is common during the August–December breeding season, a period that typically witnesses heightened human–wildlife conflict due to increased tiger movement near human habitats.

To strengthen surveillance and improve tracking efficiency, thermal drones have been deployed in Saragur and Nanjangud taluks. Capable of detecting movement even at night, these drones have become a crucial tool in monitoring tiger activity and ensuring public safety.

The Forest Department has assured that all necessary precautions are in place to safeguard residents in forest-bordering villages while managing the ongoing human–wildlife conflict with minimal harm to both people and animals.

42 Indians dead in bus-fuel tanker collision near Medina in Saudi

Most passengers who were on the bus were from Hyderabad in Telangana

New Delhi, Nov. 17 (Agencies)- At least 45 people are feared to have died after a bus carrying Umrah pilgrims collided with a diesel tanker near Medina. Around 42 of those who died were Indian nationals, according to local media in Saudi Arabia.

The bus was reportedly on its way from Mecca to Medina when the crash happened around 1.30 am (IST) near Mufrihat. Most passengers on the bus were from Hyderabad in Telangana, according to local reports.

The group was reportedly returning from Mecca after completing their rituals and was en route to Medina at the time of the accident.

Reports also said that at least 11 women and 10 children were among the victims, though authorities are still verifying the numbers. Rescue teams said the bus was completely charred, making identification of victims extremely challenging.

PM condoles

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoled the loss of lives in the Saudi bus accident and the Telangana Government has issued control room numbers - +91 7997959754 and +91 9912919545 - to assist the family of victims. Indian embassy in Jeddah has set up a 24x7 control room and issued a toll-free helpline number (8002440003).

Karnataka Ganakala Parishat hosts Musicians' Meet in Mysuru

Vidwan C.A. Shreedhara presenting a flute concert at the Musicians' Conference held at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike in city on Nov. 5 along with the troupe.

Vidwan Mathur R. Srinidhi and troupe presenting a violin concert at the Musicians' Conference at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike in city on Nov. 6.

Karnataka Ganakala Parishat, in association with Ganabharathi, celebrated its 54th Senior Musicians' Conference and 36th Young Musicians' Conference in Mysuru from Nov. 5 to 9 at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike.

The Senior Musicians' Conference was presided over by the eminent flautist and scholar Vidwan C.A. Shreedhara, while the Young Musicians' Conference was led by the renowned violinist Vidwan Mathur R. Srinidhi. As is the tradition, both Presidents inaugurated their respective conferences with performances — Vid. Shreedhara on Nov. 5 and Vidwan Srinidhi on Nov. 6.

Flute Recital

A versatile composer, researcher and teacher, **Vidwan Shreedhara** is proficient both as a flautist and a vocalist. He was accompanied by **Vidushi Nalina Mohan** on the violin, **Vidwan C. Chaluvaraju** on the mridanga and **Vidwan G.S. Ramanujam** on the ghata.

Though allotted a limited duration for his concert on the opening day, Vidwan Shreedhara captivated the audience with his artistry and depth. He began with his own composition, "Shree Vani Vagdevi" in Raga Chinthamani, followed by the majestic Ragamalika of Maha Vaidyanatha Iyer, "Pranatharthihara Prabho", which was a true delight for the listeners.

The pure classical treatment of Raga Varali revealed his scholarly approach, complemented beautifully by Nalina Mohan's melodic violin responses. Tyagaraja's "Yeti Janmamidi Ha" resonated deeply with the rasikas. In keeping with the tradition of the conference, he presented a Raga-Tana-Pallavi in Shankarabharana, with a scintillating taana. The Pallavi, "Shankaram Lokashankaram Namami Nadatanumanisham Namami Shankarabharanam", set to Adi Taala, filled the hall with grandeur. The percussion duo, Cheluvaraju and Ramanujam, provided impeccable rhythmic support, enriching the overall musical experience.

Violin Solo

A highly sought-after violinist of Karnataka, **Vidwan Mathur Srinidhi** has earned his stature through years of dedicated sadhana and artistic refinement. He presented a violin solo on the second day of the conference, accompanied by **Vidwan H.L. Shivashankar Swamy** on mridanga, **Vidwan C.P. Vyasavitthala** on khanjari and **Vidwan B. Rajashekhar** on morching.

The concert opened with the Atta Taala Varna "Sarasijanabha" in Raga Kambodhi. The second half, presented in two speeds and Tisra Nade, demonstrated his clarity and precision. A brief sketch of Raga Hamsadhwani led into "Vande Nishamaham", a composition of Mysuru Vasudevacharya, featuring crisp Kalpana Swaras interwoven with intricate laya vinyasa.

Subbaraya Shastri's timeless "Janani Ninuvina" in Reethigowla brought a soothing calm to the evening. Vidwan Srinidhi's alapanas are known for their melodic depth and ability to capture the very soul of the raga, while his Kalpana Swaras reflect his firm command over rhythm and taala. His Raga-Tana-Pallavi in Hemavathi was a highlight, showcasing both brilliance and imagination.

The Pallavi, "Saptaswaradaarathi Ninage Bharathi Rakshisennanu Hemavathi", set to Khanda Triputa Taala, engaged all three percussionists in a vibrant and interactive rhythmic dialogue, creating a spellbinding atmosphere.

In conclusion, both Vidwan C.A. Shreedhara and Vidwan Mathur R. Srinidhi demonstrated their exceptional musicianship, reaffirming their positions as torch-bearers of Karnataka's rich classical music tradition.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Vocal duet at Suttur Mutt in city

Vidushis S. Aishwarya and S. Saundarya presenting a vocal duet concert at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on Nov. 5 as part of Moonlight Music-285 programme. They are accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Prakash on violin, Vid. H. Hariharan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata.

Bharatanatyam Arangetram of Vidu. Raksha R. Karpoor

Mysuru, Nov. 17- The Bharatanatyam Arangetram of Vidu. Raksha R. Karpoor, disciple of Vidu. Mrudula Ravi, has been organised at Viveka Auditorium in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, on Nov. 29 at 6 pm, under the aegis of Kalagrhm.

Guru Rohini Chandramohan, Artistic Director, Nataraja Nrutya Kala Mandir, Kalayogi Guru Gayathri Chandrashekhar, Artistic Director, Nrutya School of Art and Roopa D. Moudgil, IPS Officer will be the chief guests.

Music Ensemble: Vidu. Mrudula Ravi (natuvanga), Vidu. Bharathi Venugopal (vocal), Vid. N. Vidyashankar (mridanga), Vid. Mahesh Swamy (flute) and Vid. Prashanth Rudrapatna (veena).

Raksha, daughter of artist K.S. Raghavendra and Geetha Raghavendra of Inchara Kalakshetra, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, is married to Vinay Mohanram and has a son, Siddhanth.

Raksha Karpoor's dance journey began at the age of five-and-a-half, nurtured by her mother and her artistry is guided by Gurus Rohini Chandramohan, Padmini Krishnamurthy, Sheila Shridhar and *Natyacharya* Kiran Subramanyam and Sandhya Kiran as well. She also attained the title of Vidushi under the Karnataka State Board.

Vidu. Raksha R. Karpoor

Academically, Raksha holds an MBA in Finance and Marketing and has worked in reputed firms. During her five years in the US, Raksha co-founded Chitra-Kaavya Dance, a non-profit organisation focused on expanding appreciation for classical dance.

Mysuru-born Bharatanatyam dancer performs in London

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Mysuru-born Bharatanatyam dancer Sanjana performed as Goddess Durga in the Mahisha Mardhini dance-drama at the High Commission of India in London on the occasion of 79th Independence Day cultural programme held at Navnat Centre, London.

Leading a troupe of four artistes, she brought both technical precision and emotional depth to the stage while the group represented Karnataka amongst other artistes who represented their respective States.

In the UK, she is not only performing dance but also teaching at UK Dance Vision and Oxford University Press, further extending her reach as a cultural contributor. She is not just an artiste but a cultural bridge, carrying forward the essence of Indian dance while adapting it to modern global platforms. Sanjana is trained under Dr. Pooja Joshi Igoor, Founder of Beyond Talas.

State-level Pre-University Girls Athletic Meet 2025-26

Dakshina Kannada emerges Overall Champions

Dakshina Kannada athletes receiving the Overall Championship trophy during the valedictory ceremony of the State-level Pre-University Girls Athletic Championship 2025-26 at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city recently.

Mysuru, Nov. 17 (VNS)- Dakshina Kannada, securing 62 points, emerged as the Overall Champions in the State-level PU Girls Athletic Championship - 2025-26 organised by Department of School Education (Pre-University), Mysuru District, in association with RV Pre-University College, Mysuru at Chamundi Vihar Stadium, here recently. Nagini of Dakshina Kannada won the individual championship with 20 points.

In her valedictory address, Department of School Education (Pre-University) Deputy Director M.P. Nagamma, said, "Success is always a result of teamwork, dedication and collective effort."

Nagini of Dakshina Kannada receiving her individual championship trophy.

She also appreciated the efforts of Mysuru District PU College Principals, Physical Education Lecturers Association and others for successful organisation of the athletic meet.

Athletes from across 31 districts took part in the State-level athletic championship. RV University Director B.S. Nagendra Parashar, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak, Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, District Sports Coordinator K.R. Muralidhar and others were present.

SSRPU College girls selected for State-level Sports contests

STANDING FROM LEFT: ***Ariba Abir, Ester, Hampana Gowda, Anusha, Ghanavi Kushalappa, D. Varsha and H. Chaithanya seen with*** *(sitting from left)* ***Physical Education Director N.D. Jagannath, Kaveri Charitable Trust Vice-President Balaji, President Prof. M.S.K. Narahari Babu, Secretary M.D. Gopinath, Management Committee Member Nalini Chandar and Principal Dr. G.R. Kavitha.***

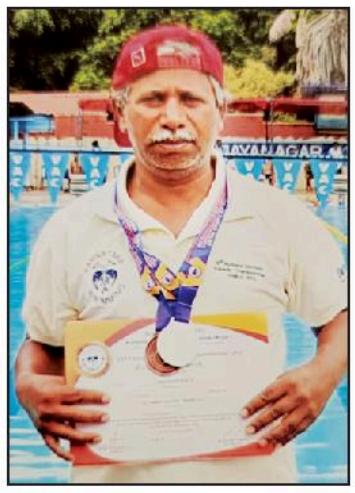
Mysuru, Nov. 17 - Girl students of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU (SSRPU) College, Vijayanagar, have been selected for State-level Sports competitions following their outstanding performance at the recently held District-level Sports competitions organised by the Department School Education (Pre-University).

The students include Ariba Abir (Table Tennis), Ester, Hampana Gowda and Anusha (Basketball), Ghanavi Kushalappa (Throwball), D. Varsha (Tennikoit) and H. Chaithanya (Swimming).

Excels in Masters' Swimming

Mysuru, Nov. 17- City's swimming coach V. Jagadeesha, taking part in the XXVI State Masters Swimming Championship-2025 organised by Karnataka Swimming Association at Corporation Swimming Pool (Vijayanagar Aquatic Centre), Vijayanagar in Bengaluru, recently won two silver and a bronze medal.

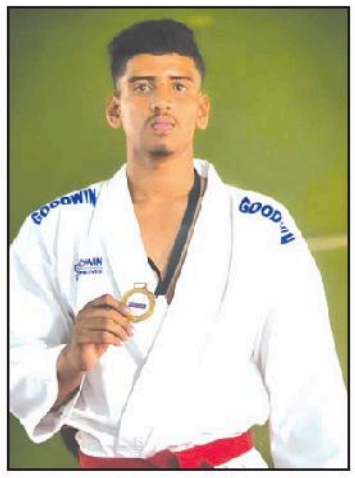
Jagadeesha won silver medals in 200 mts individual medley and 100 mts backstroke and bronze medal in 100 mts butterfly events.



V. Jagadeesha

Selected for National-level Karate Tournament

Mysuru, Nov. 17- M.B. Arjun, a student of Jyothi High School, Mysuru, has been selected to for the National-level karate tournament after securing a gold medal in the U-17 category at State-level karate tournament held in Chikkaballapur recently. He is the son of Pailwan Bharat and student of Sensei Mahesh. Sports Authority of Karnataka Vice- Chairman Arun Machaiah and Team Manager Sudhakar G. Gowda have appreciated Arjun for his achievement.



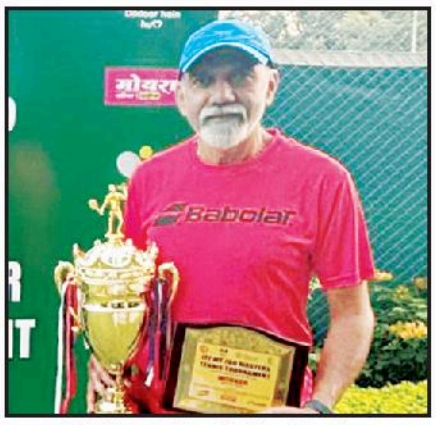
M.B. Arjun

Winners in Karate Tourney

Mysuru, Nov. 17- Karatekas of Vasavi Convent, Koorgalli, taking part in the Karate Tournament organised by Mysore Karate Association at University of Mysore Yoga Hall recently, excelled by winning several medals. While Koushik Gowda and Chidamber Shetty won 2nd prize, Chirag Gowda, Rohith and L. Rahul won 3rd prize in Kata category.

Double title for Nagaraj

Mysuru, Nov. 17- City's R. Nagaraj, International Masters Tennis player and Coach, has won two back-to-back singles titles in International Tennis Federation World Ranking Masters 400 held at PTC, Moradabad from Oct.27 to Nov.1 and ITF MT 700 Tennis Championship held at Indore Tennis Club, Indore, from Nov. 4 to Nov. 9.



R. Nagaraj with the trophy.

WORD OF THE DAY

Doughty

Pronunciation: adjective DOW-tee.
Meaning: Doughty is a word with an old-fashioned flair used to describe someone who is brave, strong, and determined.
Origin: There's no doubt that doughty has persevered in the English language — it's traceable all the way back to the Old English word dohtig—but how to pronounce it? One might assume that doughty should be pronounced \DAW-tee\, paralleling similarly spelled words like bought and sought, or perhaps with a long o, as in dough. But the vowel sound in doughty is the same as in doubt, and in fact, over the centuries, doughty's spelling was sometimes confused with that of the now obsolete word doubty ("full of doubt"), which could be the reason we have the pronunciation we use today. The homophonous dowdy ("having a dull or uninteresting appearance") can also be a source of confusion; an easy way to remember the difference is that you can't spell doughty without the letters in tough ("physically and emotionally strong").
Example: "The film chooses to render our doughty heroes' super-costumes as cerulean-blue rollneck sweaters, which is a puzzling choice both aesthetically and practically: knitwear seems literally ill-fitted to derring-do." — Glen Weldon, NPR, 25 July 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Decastich

Ten-line poem.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Deep Pockets

Meaning: The phrase 'deep pockets' means that someone is very wealthy or has a lot of money.
Origin: In Ireland, this phrase has a different meaning. It is said on wealthy businessman from Tipperary who finished his drink and smash his glass cup on the ground, anticipating that the owner of the pub would ask him to leave the pub.
Example: One of our partners has deep pockets, we are hoping that his money will help us fund the startup.

QUOTE BOX

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

—Benjamin Franklin

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Answer: Going Through The Motions.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Laboratory, in short
4 Sellout sign: abbr.
7 Old stringed instrument
11 Bud's movie partner
12 Edward's pet name
13 Bollywood's ___ Deol
14 Simplified or clarified (4,4)
17 Temperature, abbr.
18 Names on postal envelopes
20 Nomadic Scandinavians
22 Russian ruler
23 Economic Community of Europe, in short?
24 Use a rubber
27 By ___ : automatically, in a way?
31 Pulled or tugged sharply
33 Between ports (2,3)
34 Lyricist Gershwin
35 Gone by
37 1857's ___ mutiny
39 Was unjustifiably blamed and punished? (4,3,3)
42 Spiritual mentor
43 Tactful; judicious or prudent
46 Employs or avails of
47 Actual Navigation Performance
48 Fish eggs
49 Footwear
50 Desire to get money in Japan?
51 U-turn from NNW

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	I	T	A	■	A	S	I	S	■	B	C	A
U	S	E	S	■	W	O	R	K	■	R	U	T
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S	O	D	O	M	■	■	S	W	I	G	■	■
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L	O	A	D	■	E	I	A	■	U	R	G	E
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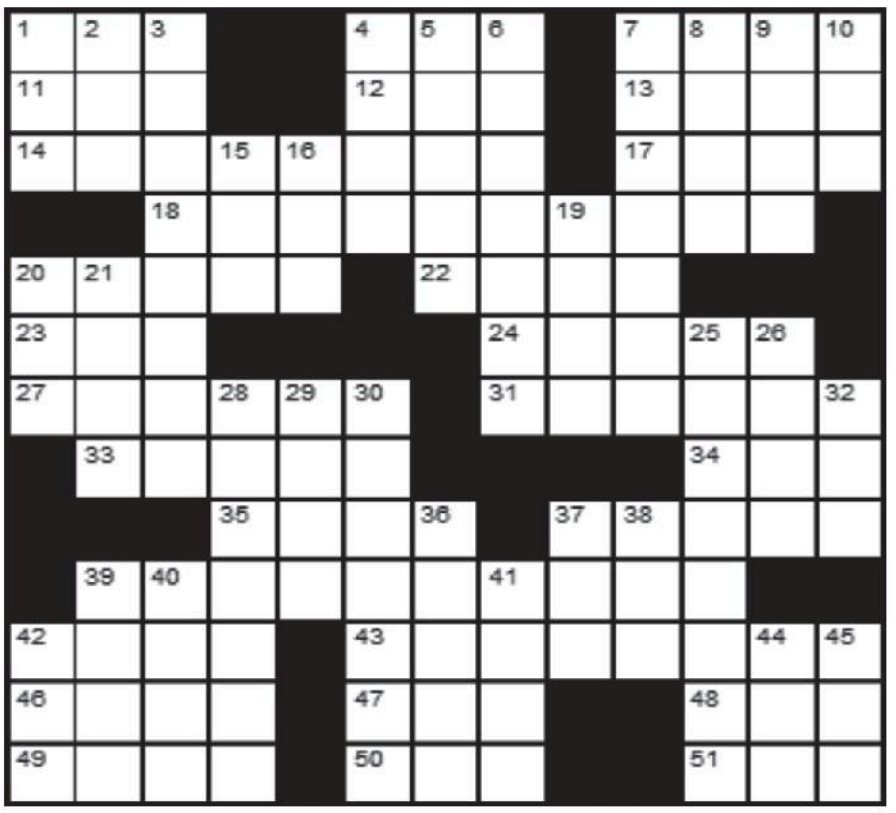
A	P	R	■	K	R	I	S	■	D	E	N	T
D	I	Y	■	S	O	R	E	■	S	N	E	E

DOWN

1 Atty.'s degree
2 Angle-of-attack
3 Hungary's capital
4 Celestial body
5 Start over
6 Greek epic
7 Old soldier
8 Understanding term? (1,3)
9 Units of electrical resistance
10 Section of a journey or a race
15 Computer capability for short
16 Walsh and O'Neill
19 Poet Teasdale
20 Maui garland
21 Legal doings
25 Captains
26 Architect Saarinen
28 Adopt, embrace
29 Job for a plumber
30 No eating now - Ash Wednesday for one? (4-3)
32 Dawn to dusk
36 Old form of yours
37 Sys. and Research Centre
38 Musical aptitude
39 Exclamation of reproof
40 Famous cookie
41 TV sports letters
42 Ex West Indies batsman Logie
44 Greek goddess of dawn
45 ___ off : start off on a round of golf?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LX KOMCLKOJ D POKB CQCJCDA YLQG XH

CQGOKXDFO XTO DQDABJLJ HU XTO HIPLHCJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When I'm working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Gatha Vaibhava (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  I Am God (K) - 2 Shows; *Love OTP (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Brat (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Brat (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Yajamana (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Others - 2025 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Dawood (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  De De Pyaar De 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

The Running Man (E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 10.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter -1 (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm
Spider Man 1 (E)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Jai (Tulu)	(S-2)	7 pm
Hikora (K)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 1 pm, 10.10 pm
I Am God (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Haq (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Full Meals (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love OTP (K)	(S-4)	1 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-4)	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Gatha Vaibhava (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm; (S-2) 9.35 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Jai (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Athi Bheekara Kaamukam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Brat (K)	(S-2	1.10 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
Madharas Mafia Company (Ta)	(S-2	4.05 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Kantara : A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	(S-4)	6.25 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Spider-Man 2 (E)	:	9.50 am
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 5.10 pm, 10 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Now You See Me: Now You Don't (E)	:	11.25 am, 8 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	12.40 pm
The Godfather Coda (E)	:	1.25 pm
I Am God (K)	:	1.55 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	4 pm, 9.50 pm
Predator: Badlands (E-3D)	:	4.15 pm
HAQ (H)	:	4.40 pm
Dies Irae (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 , 6.55, 10 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 7.10 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	10.05 am, 7.30 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.25 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.15 pm, 10.20 pm
I Am God (K)	:	4 pm
Jai (K)	:	4.10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 17)

- **Sri Panduranga Sri Vittala-Rukmayi Temple, Vivekanandanagar:** Kartika Monday Puja Mahotsava, Phalabhisheka, **5 pm;** Laksha Deepotsava, **6.15 pm;** Santa Shiromani Sri Namadeva Maharaja's 755th Annual Jayanthotsava, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, Temple premises, **8 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** 35th Anniversary celebrations, Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, delivers a talk on 'Epistolary Technique as a Literary Device,' Government Hostel for Girls, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'What If !', based on *Manto Kathegalu*, directed by V. Shruthi, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Sangameshwara Temple:** Sharana-Sharaneyara Vicharadhare, Sugama Sangeetha by Varalakshmi troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sri Nandikeshwara Swamiji of Sri Kalmmutt, Mudukutore, T. Narasipur, graces the occasion, Prof. B.V. Vasanth Kumar, Professor, D. Devaraj Urs Government Degree College, Hunsur, delivers lecture on 'Allamana Anubhavada Nelegalu,' Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **7 pm;** MLA T.S. Srivatsa flags off procession, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avani Sringeri Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Kartika Month Special Puja, 'Shivabhakti Eleyanda Gudimara' Vachana-Vyakyana by Gamaka Vidushi Dakshayani and Gamaka Vyakyatru Dr. Niranjan, **6.30 pm;** Deeparadhane, Mahamangalarati, Theertha Prasada Viniyoga, Mutt premises, Vidyaranyapuram, **8.15 pm.**
- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy & Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Devasthana Trust:** Kartika Month Special Puja, Shalyanna Alankara and Utsava, Temple premises, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 18)

- **Government Ayurveda Research Centre (GARC), KRS Road and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE):** 10th National Ayurveda Day, Techno Ayurveda, retd. VC of Kuvempu University Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda guest of honour, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Secretary P. Vishwanath and Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guests, GARC Asst. Director Dr. Lakshminarayana Shenoy programme co-ordinator, VVCE Seminar Hall, Gokulam, **10 am to 1.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar - Handicrafts Exhibition & Sale, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Mahabharata Tatparya Nirnaya' by Pt. Sri Vyasatheerthacharya, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raga Sangama:** Musical Evening of Kannada film songs composed by musical duo Rajan-Nagendra, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Children's Day celebrations, Dance and Music Programme by Ganabharathi School of Music and Dance, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Running Man (E)	:	9.25 am, 4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	1 pm , 10.30 pm
Kaantha (Te)	:	7.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Udaala (K)	:	3.35 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Iniyana Aatma (K)	:	10 am
Kaantha (Te)	:	10 am, 10.20 pm
Kaantha (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Love OTP (K)	:	10.15 am, 7.15 pm
Hikora (K)	:	1 pm
Gatha Vaibhava (K)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
The Running Man (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Kite Brothers (K)	:	3.45 pm
Brat (K)	:	4.05 pm
Premam Madhuram (K)	:	6.50 pm
Jai (Tulu)	:	10 pm

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Gita recitation & other contests

Mysuru, Nov. 17- As part of Gita Jayanti celebrations, Srikantha Samskrita Patashala, Shankar Mutt Layout, 4th Cross, Khille Mohalla in city, has organised a Bhagavad Gita Recitation Competition and other competitions for school children on Dec. 7 at 10 am. The competitions will be held at Srikantha Girls High School premises.

The competition will be held in three categories — 1st to 4th standard, 5th to 7th standard and 8th to 10th standard.

The students of 1st to 4th standard must recite Shlokas 1 to 6 of 'Moksha Sanyasa Yoga' coming under Chapter 18 of Bhagavad Gita, while the students of 5th to 7th standard must recite Shlokas 7 to 13 and students of 8th to 10th standard, Shlokas 14 to 28.

Except students of 1st to 4th standard, all other students must also explain the meaning of any of the two Shlokas they recite.

It is advised to follow *Srimad Bhagavad Gita* by Swami Adi Devananda, published by Sri Ramakrishna Ashram. There is no restriction on the number of contestants. However, the group recitation is not allowed.

The other competitions are as follows: • Rendition of Achyutashtakam (Open to Primary to High School students)

• Essay Writing Contest on 'Sankya Yoga' of Bhagavad Gita not exceeding 2 pages (Open to High School students only).

• Singing of any one of the Kritis of Purandaradasa or Kanakadasa.

The competitions are open to students aged below 16 years.

Interested may submit their applications to Head Master, Srikantha Samskrita Patashala, Shankar Mutt Road, 4th Cross, Khille Mohalla, Mysuru-570004.

For details, contact N.V. Lakshmi on Mob: 98805-43135 or N. Lakshminarayan Swamy on Mob: 97394-14323 or Nityanand Bhatta on Mob: 94485-60622.

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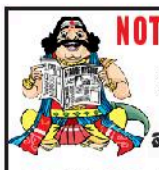

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